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Ref: 20-F-0089

MuckRock News ATTN: Mr. Karl Pensworth DEPT MR 81752 411A Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Mr. Pensworth:

This is the final response to your October 15, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. Your request was received in this office on October 15, 2019 and assigned FOIA case number 20-F-0089. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

However, please note that your request was misdirected to this office for processing. This FOIA office only processes requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Joint Staff (JS). There is no central FOIA processing point for records for the entire Department of Defense (DoD). FOIA processing is decentralized and delegated to those officials of the Military Departments and various DoD Components who generate and/or maintain the records being sought or reviewed. In consideration of this fact, we have forwarded your request to the U.S. Navy for their direct response to you.

The U.S. Navy, which operates its own FOIA program, would have cognizance over the information you have requested. For your convenience, contact information for the Navy FOIA office is provided below:

SECNAV/CNO FOIA Office Chief of Naval Pentagon Washington, DC 20350 FOIA Requester Service Email: <u>DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil</u>

Additionally, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institute of Health (NIH) operate their own FOIA offices and would have cognizance over the grant code information you requested: "NIH RO 1 NS099348", "NSF BCS-1441502", and "NSF BCS-1631550". You may request these records, if they exist, directly from NSF and NIH by submitting your request to the following address:

National Science Foundation ATTN: FOIA Officer 2415 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria VA 22314

NIH FOIA Office Building 31, Room5B35 31 Center Drive, MSC 2107 Bethesda, MD 20892-2107 This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Laura Pintar at laura.a.pintar.ctr@mail.mil or (571) 372-0422.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Carr

Chief

Enclosure: As stated